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SUBJECT: US-INDIA JOINT COMMISSION - JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE
US-INDIA JOINT COMMISSION:

2. "THE US-INDIA JOINT COMMISSION HELD ITS SECOND MEETING
IN NEW DELHI ON JANUARY 3, 1978. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY
ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERN-
MENT OF INDIA, AND CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE, GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

3. "THE CO-CHAIRMEN EACH PRESENTED A BROAD OUTLINE OF THE
GLOBAL FOREIGN POLICIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND
A REVIEW OF THE ELEMENTS AND ISSUES IN THE BILATERAL RELA-
TIONSHIP.

4. "REPORTS OF THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS - EDUCATION AND
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CULTURAL, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL -
ALL OF WHICH HAD MET PREVIOUSLY THIS YEAR, WERE READ AND
DISCUSSED.

5. "EDUCATION AND CULTURE: THE JOINT COMMISSION SUPPORTED
THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SUBCOMMISSION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
FELLOWSHIPS FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN AND TO INITIATE A VISITOR-

SHIP PROGRAM; THE OLD TWO SEMINARS IN 1977-78; TO OPEN AN EXHIBITION IN INDIA IN 1978 AND ONE IN THE U.S. IN 1979; AND TO EXCHANGE INDIAN FILMS AND TV DOCUMENTARIES DURING THE COMING YEAR. IN ADDITION, A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT SUBCOMMISSION ACTIVITIES WILL BE SOUGHT BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

6. "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: THE JOINT COMMISSION SUPPORTED AN EXPANSION OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IN NEW FIELDS OF WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, SOLAR ACTIVITY RELATED TO WEATHER PHENOMENA, OCEANOGRAPHY, EARTH SCIENCES, AND SMALL INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES. BOTH GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO UNDERTAKE AN INCREASE IN FUNDS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER THE SUBCOMMISSION.

7. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL: THE JOINT COMMISSION WELCOMED THE EXPANSION OF THE JOINT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE AGRICULTURE INPUT WORKING GROUP AND PROPOSED A CHANGE IN ITS NAME TO AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GROUP WITH A BROAD DIRECTION TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE AND INITIATE JOINT DISCUSSIONS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE INPUTS, MARKETING AND PROCESSING. ANOTHER GROUP - INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY GROUP - WILL BE FORMED TO UNDERTAKE JOINT DISCUSSIONS AND RESEARCH IN SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY, APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, AND GOVERNMENT SPONSORED INDUSTRIAL HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

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8. "THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN AGREED THAT THE WORK OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AND ITS SUBCOMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL IN INCREASING THE AREA OF UNDERSTANDING AND FACILITATING PROGRESS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIFIC ISSUES IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. IT WAS THE INTENT OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION THROUGH ANNUAL MEETINGS AS WELL AS THROUGH INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGES UNDER ITS SPONSORSHIP."

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